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CHARLESTON, IL--Rhonda Morel (Peru/LaSalle-Peru/Illinois Valley CC), junior forward, is a member of Eastern Illinois University women's basketball team which has compiled a 10-6 record mid-way through the 1980-81 season.

Getting a late start working out with the team due to participation in post-season volleyball competition, Rhonda has come off the bench with very little experience working with her teammates and done an outstanding job according to head coach Bobbie Hilke.

"Rhonda's doing an excellent job for us at Eastern. She's especially helping out in the rebounding phase of our game although she has made some crucial baskets in stretch games for us," said Hilke.

"Rhonda's a pressure player. We have a lot of confidence in her. She will be a really fine ballplayer the rest of this year and next," said Hilke. She'll be seeing an increased amount of game time, " Hilke added.

As a player at Illinois Valley CC, Rhonda received numerous honors including All-Conference 78-80, All-Regional 79-80, Most Valuable Player 78-79, Most Valuable Player of the N4C Conference 79-80, All-Tournament 78-79 and All-State 78-80.

A physical education major and 1978 graduate of LaSalle-Peru Township High School, Rhonda is the daughter of Richard and Donna Morel of 2731 Seventh St., Peru.